

COAL MINERS REJECT FLATLY HARDING PLAN TO ARBITRATE STRIKE

President Warns Workers of Responsibility They Assume. Operators Accept Partially.

DEFINITION OF PROPOSAL FAILS TO CHANGE POSITION OF UNIONS

Lewis Scheme to Turn Down Offer Goes Forward Like Clockwork—Reply Carried to White House.

Coal mine workers whose walkout in the anthracite region and strike in the unionized bituminous fields has crippled the nation's coal production since April flatly refused yesterday, through their officers and committees of their union, to submit their grievances to arbitration under terms suggested by President Harding. They notified the President of their determination, received a response mentioning the responsibility they had assumed, and adjourned the session of their central controlling committee, holding its members in the city, however, until tomorrow.

Operators Expected to Accept.

Only a White House statement to the effect that nothing would be done until tomorrow, when the bituminous employees are expected to respond to the same arbitration proposal, was available to indicate the government's future policy. Anthracite operators have formally accepted the President's plan, but bituminous employers are known to be divided. It was intimated last night that at least one section of them would, in addition to accepting conditionally the arbitration proposal, tender their mines to the government for operation, control, or other disposition.

One group in Pennsylvania is expected to refuse the arbitration proposal, and to continue to attempt to operate mines notwithstanding the strike, while the Ohio, Illinois and Indiana operators are still discussing their plans. The last general meeting of the employers in the bituminous industry will be held here this evening at 7 p.m.

Lewis Plan Prevails.
Yesterday's proceedings of the policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America, with 150-odd union spokesmen attending, went forward like clockwork on the plan laid down by John L. Lewis, president of the union, and other national officers, and plainly forecast on previous days. Recounting the history of his negotiations with the government and the employers, expressing his dissatisfaction with the terms of the arbitration offer, Mr. Lewis in executive session offered a lengthy letter of refusal of the arbitration and moved its adoption.

Delegate after delegate behind the closed doors of the executive session gave his views, and James L. Ford, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, in charge of the mining division of the central union body, sat with them. The vote in the end for the adoption of the letter was unanimous.

Warned of Responsibility.

A committee then took the letter to the White House, and saw the President briefly. The following statement was given out after they left: "The President met the policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America yesterday afternoon and received the written declaration to accept the voluntary plan proposed for the settlement of the dispute which is responsible for suspending mining activities. There will be no announcement of any government plan to relieve the situation until the response of the bituminous operators is received. It is expected to have their report Monday morning. The President did not comment on the mine workers' committee on the decision reported, except to say that he hoped they fully appraised the responsibility they assumed in declining the government's offer of a means of instant adjustment and the resumption of mining."

Attack Owners' Representative.
The scale committee of the union for the anthracite meeting at an earlier meeting refused for themselves to accept the arbitration offer, but joined with the general policy committee deliberations.

"For substantial reasons, the representatives of the United Mine Workers are compelled to withhold their acceptance of the arbitration proposals submitted by you," the letter to the President said. "The mine workers desire to point out that the coal operators who have been in attendance at the recent conferences assembled by you, and to whom you have submitted the plan for arbitration of the coal strike, are only partially representative of the producing interests affected by the present suspension of mining. Operators representing nearly 10 per cent of the tonnage in strike fields where production is stopped have not been in attendance, . . . and we have no information that the proposed plan of arbitration has been submitted to them by any governmental agency."

No Intention of Agreeing.
"We are further advised that these interests have no intention of coming within the purview of the provisions of your plan of adjustment. Under such circumstances it is futile to believe any general settlement can be made. It is manifestly unfair to attempt to exact from the mine workers' representatives commitment to an arbitration plan, while at the same time powerful operating interests, employing hundreds of thousands of men now on strike, are left free to follow their own selfish impulses and escape liability in the premises. . . . Even the acceptance of the plan by the mine workers would bring about only a partial settlement. . . . This was the crux of the union opposition to arbitration. Mr. Lewis and national officials, in conferences with

RAIL BOARD RULES MUST BE OBEYED, PRESIDENT WARNS

Tells Trackmen's Officials
Remedy for Wrongs
Lies in Congress.

SITUATION DISCUSSED IN TWO-HOUR HEARING

Result of Intervention in Doubt
Till Meeting in Detroit to
Settle Strike Policy.

Strike at a Glance.

Peace negotiations to end the shopmen's strike were temporarily at a standstill following yesterday's separate conferences between shop leaders, railway executives and Railroad Labor Board members. Executives of western roads declared they would not agree to any plan inconsistent with the Labor Board's decision but are willing to attend any meeting or hearing to effect a settlement in line with the board's ruling.

E. F. Grable, head of the maintenance of way organization, after a conference with President Harding, held there would be no immediate walkout of his organization.

Chairman Cummins of the interstate commerce committee said hearings will be started soon looking toward a revision of the transportation act. Hearings were requested at San Bernardino, Calif., to protect railroad property there.

By the Associated Press.
President Harding personally intervened yesterday in the railroad strike situation, but the success of his efforts to remedy conditions, now admitted generally by government officials to be serious, will remain undetermined until early this week, when the officers of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Shop Laborers meet in Detroit.

The President for two hours discussed the strike situation with E. F. Grable, chief of the maintenance of way employees' organization, who came to Washington from Chicago for the conference, and with Fred J. Felck, legislative representative of the same organization.

The results of this conference, as announced in a White House statement, were that the President received for the first time direct information as to the workers' side of the controversy and was afforded for the first time an opportunity to present direct to a recognized representative of the employees the position of the government.

Will Settle Course in Detroit.

Another result, announced after the conference by Mr. Grable, consists of a call for a meeting the first of this week in Detroit of the grand officers of the Maintenance of Way Brotherhood, to decide on a policy, presumably on whether that organization shall continue to withhold the authorized strike order or whether it shall allow its members to join the striking shopcraft workers.

While the conference between the President and Messrs. Grable and Felck was in progress Senator Cummins, republican, Iowa, announced the outcome of the running, finishing well down the list.

Only one of the three Britons finished among the first twelve, George Duncan tying for sixth with Leo Diegel of New Orleans. Jones was the only amateur in this list.

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SQUASH CENTER ON THE SENATE TARIFF TO DATE.

GENE SARAZEN, 21, WINS GOLF CROWN

Pittsburgh Pro Takes National Open Title With
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JONES TIES FOR SECOND Only Amateur "in the Money" Equals Black's 289—Old Guard Is Swept Aside.

SKOKIE COUNTRY CLUB, GLEN COE, Ill., July 15.—Gene Sarazen of Pittsburgh, a little twenty-one-year-old native-born American of Italian descent, today pushed his way out in front of the world's greatest golfers, many of them old enough to be his father, and won the national open golf championship with a score of 288 for seventy-two holes of play, lasting two days.

A hooked drive out of bounds on the seventy-first hole, followed a moment later by a wild spoon shot, cost John Black, Oakland, Calif., professional, a tie for first, and these strokes, with a missed putt from a few greens earlier, kept him from winning the title. He finished a stroke behind Sarazen in a tie with Bobby Jones, youthful Atlanta, Ga., amateur, for second, while William Mehlhorn of Shreveport, La., was fourth with 290, and Walter Hagen of Detroit, British open champion, fifth with 291.

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JAPANESE EXCITED OVER MORALITY OF WESTERN DANCES

TOKIO, Japan, July 15.—The question whether western dances are immoral is the subject of a lively debate in the Japanese newspapers at present. In the last few years western dancing has grown popular among Japanese women, especially those who have lived abroad, although it is by no means general as yet.

DETECTIVE BUREAU SHAKE-UP IS HINTED

Oyster Says Police Ignore
Big Cases for "Half-Pint" Violators.

That a shake-up in the detective bureau is likely to follow the transfer of fifty Washington policemen, effected yesterday, was intimated last night by Commissioner Oyster, under whose supervision the police department comes. This shake-up is due, he said, upon the return of Inspector Grant, who is in California.

DISTRICT GIRL POISONED ON COLONIAL LIMITED

STAMFORD, Conn., July 15.—The Colonial, express from Washington, over the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, was stopped here late today and Miss Margaret Uppercu, eighteen years old, of 163 Randolph place northwest, Washington, D. C., was removed from it and taken to the hospital suffering from poison.

ARAB STRIKE CAUSES CRISIS IN PALESTINE

LONDON, July 15.—A strike of Arabs throughout Palestine, which began yesterday, in protest against the terms of the British mandate, has given rise to a serious situation, says a Cairo dispatch to the Daily Express.

TAKEN IN \$500,000 LIQUOR GRAFT QUIZ

Ex-Legislator and Former
Revenue Collector Ar-
rested in Chicago.

MANY OTHERS ON LIST Extortion and Conspiracy Charged Following Two-Year Probe.

CHICAGO, July 15.—Harry W. Mager, former collector of internal revenue at Chicago, and Benjamin Mitchell, former member of the state legislature and widely known figure in state politics, were taken into custody tonight by government agents in connection with an investigation of a "boose graft" totaling more than \$500,000. Warrants served on the two charged extortion and conspiracy to extort.

Federal agents said that investigation was begun when it was found that the same notary public stamp had been used on permits illegally issued in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Omaha for shipments of whisky. Further examination was said to have shown that the names of the directors of prohibition in the various states for these permits had been forged by one person.

SEEK RUM BANDITS HERE

To Washington bootleggers—four of them—are being given credit by the police for the leading of the small army of sixty armed men who looted the Faust distillery at Glenview, near York, Pa., yesterday.

COLLEGE FUND RAISED

NEW YORK, July 15.—The emergency fund campaign for the American colleges in the near east, including Robert College, the American University of Beirut and Constantinople Women's College, closed today with a total of \$1,100,000.

"DRY" AGENTS, ALOFT. SPOT 12 STILL; RUM PARTY WAVES HOWDY

Having used feet, motor cycles, and automobiles as means of chasing bootleggers and locating stills, Revenue Agents Evans and Ruby of the general operatives' section here yesterday brought into service an airplane.

Shortly before noon they stepped into a plane at Bolling Field, and took to the air in the first aerial scout for stills in the lower Maryland and Virginia section.

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MUTUAL DEFENSE SOUGHT

Plan Involves Unity of International Affairs by Twenty-One Western Republics.

By the Associated Press.
The government of Uruguay has proposed as a principle to be adopted by the nations attending the fifth Pan-American conference in Santiago, Chile, next March, "that all countries of the American continent will consider as an encroachment upon their rights an encroachment upon the rights of any of them inflicted by a non-American power" and that "such encroachment would give rise to a common and uniform attitude of all nations of America."

URGES AMERICAN LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Uruguay Proposes Action on Matter at Santiago Conference.

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But such is not the opinion of the supporters of the man who is opposing Senator Lodge for the nomination, nor of democrats, who believe that the republicans have fallen on evil days and that the time is propitious to the possibility of giving the present democratic senator from Massachusetts, Senator Walsh, a democratic colleague.

Walker ex-Representative.

Joseph Walker, who is contesting for the nomination with Senator Lodge, is a former representative in the House and something of a character. Mr. Walker, today's candidate, was an ardent Bull Moose, and he has not shed his horns. He is a wealthy manufacturer, but rather a dilettante in practical politics. He stands for almost everything in political policies which Senator Lodge does not approve. Whatever Senator Lodge is for, he is likely to be "agin." He did not want to go in for the nomination, but when he found that no one else was willing to tackle Senator Lodge, he said he would take him on.

Mr. Walker's theory is that this is a bad period for standpatners and the open season for progressives—the more progressive the better. He contends that political events in Indiana, Pennsylvania and Iowa support his theory and that conditions prevailing in those states must exist in Massachusetts.

Three Democratic Aspirants.

With the trend of judgment leaning toward Senator Lodge's probable nomination, interest attaches to his probable democratic adversary at the polls in November. There are three aspirants for the democratic candidacy—Col. William A. Gaston, Sherman L. Whipple and John Jackson Walsh, the latter not related to Senator David I. Walsh, however.

It is a fair fight among the three, with the favorite not yet in sight, but Walsh looms up strong in the background. Col. Gaston, son of a former governor, head of a prominent law firm, banker and aristocrat, is recognized as a type of the conservative democrat. He has been unsuccessful at the polls before, however, failing election to the governorship. Sherman L. Whipple is one of the most brilliant lawyers in the state, an attractive personality, popular and a most engaging talker. He never ran for office before, but is widely known nevertheless. He is backed by Mayor Curley of Boston. He is going out as a friend of the plain people and opposed to the "interests." He is regarded as a "very formidable" candidate.